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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIS Program

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1. National Intelligence Surveys (NIS's), which were terminated by a USIB decision in 1974, formed a unique resource of encyclopedic intelligence information and furnished the Intelligence Community an orderly discipline for a regular publication program. As a complete study on a national entity, the NIS was without peer and, at the time of its discontinuance, the majority of DoD users indicated that there was a continuing need for the entire General Survey. DIA has attempted to fill the gap with substitute publications, which have not proven entirely satisfactory.

2. I believe that the disappearance of the discipline furnished by the NIS has not only adversely affected intelligence publication programs, but has had a decidedly debilitating effect on our data base maintenance and expertise, especially for low priority areas. In view of these factors, I recommend that you give consideration toward the reinstatement of the NIS program.

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Acting Director

DIA review(s) completed.

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